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# CHAIRMAN CHAT

CHRIS NOBLE MBE

Good afternoon to everyone,

May I, on behalf of everyone at the Sheffield Eagles RLFC, extend a very warm welcome to all from London Broncos who have made the long trip up to the Eco-Power Stadium at Doncaster for this afternoon's Betfred Championship game. I wish you all a good, enjoyable afternoon and a safe journey home when the action has finished!

The Broncos have not had the greatest start to the season, however that makes them a very dangerous team to play against as they are well coached and a side not to be underestimated. This should make for a good afternoon of rugby league for us all to enjoy as we always do in this great family sport of ours!

Our last game against Whitehaven, who had a long trip down to Featherstone, was a good day for the Eagles and had we been more accurate with our goal-kicking, we would have had the game in the bag a great deal earlier than we did. However, while Izaak Farrell was off form with his kicking in the first half - his enthusiasm was there for all to see during the game. Our defence was good and we played expansive rugby that we love to watch! As normal and is expected now at every game, Anthony Thackeray led by example. I must mention that Kris Welham, (whose father in law is Gary Wilkinson, a past coach of Sheffield) has reached a massive milestone in his career as he has surpassed 350 professional games and congratulations go to him from all at the Eagles.

You may have seen the announcement on Monday afternoon by Jim Reynolds, CEO of the Irish Rugby League team, that the Wolfhounds have appointed our own Ged Corcoran as the coach who will take them up to and into the World Cup which is taking place later in this year. Massive congratulations must go to Ged, who is assistant to our own Mark Aston who also had the privilege of taking the Wolfhounds into the 2013 and 2017 World Cups.



Mark must be extremely proud that one of his assistants is following in his footsteps and has learnt his trade as an assistant coach at Sheffield Eagles for many years. Well done Ged and good luck to you and your squad from all of us. I believe this is a great achievement for the club and their backroom staff. It would be remiss of me not to extend our thanks to Martin Vickers and Mark Campbell for all their help and assistance that they gave us to facilitate our last few games at their stadium in Featherstone, as well as next week's against Newcastle.

The same gratitude goes to Carl Hall, the CEO of Doncaster RLFC, for allowing us to hold today's game at their stadium.

We are getting closer and closer to having games at our own stadium; next month's game against Widnes is now only a matter of days away!

Very Best Regards

Chris Noble MBE

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## TUBBY TALK

MARK ASTON SPEAKS TO DAN FOWLER

Another home game in a different location! Firstly I'd like to thank Carl Hall and all at Club Doncaster for their hospitality as they play host to ourselves and London Broncos, following the Dons' home game against Cornwall this afternoon.

To our supporters, you certainly know it's a case of needs must to be playing home games in Featherstone and today in Doncaster as we have exhausted all available current options within the Steel City. As much as it isn't long to wait until we're at the OLP and in our purpose-built stadium, I do understand your frustration and would like to thank you once again for your support.

We come into this afternoon after a great performance against Whitehaven in the 1895 Cup Playoff last weekend, which has put us into the semi-final of the competition against Leigh Centurions next month. Whitehaven were busted, picking from just 17 players and not all of those were fully fit but we still had a job to do and it was good to see us put on a good attacking show in the second half.

I mentioned in previous programme notes about our solidarity in defence and with just six points conceded against Haven, we come into today with confidence on that front as well. The celebrations from the team when forcing opposition errors is something that we like to see as coaching staff but I'm sure is a positive sign for our fans too. The spirit we have, and the camaraderie within the group, is exactly what we want to be building going forward.

Last week saw the experienced heads really show their worth, as they have done all season too. Kris Welham and Ben Jones-Bishop, two former Super League stalwarts in their own right, had exceptional games while captain Thacks did what we all expect - led us around the pitch well and put us in good positions at the end of sets.

Today we face London, who have brought in Dane Chisholm for the next couple of weeks and we know what Chiz can bring to the table. They also have strong Championship players, with the likes of Dean Parata, Lewis Bienek and Will Lovell in their ranks. As much as they haven't had the greatest start to the year, they're still a dangerous proposition and will be desperate to get their season on the right track - starting today against ourselves.

Enjoy the game!

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# THE OFFICE

MARK HANNIGAN

Welcome to all the Players, Staff, Directors, and Fans from London Broncos for today's game.

I would also like to extend my thanks to Carl Hall and all at Club Doncaster for hosting us today.

A lot has happened at the club since I wrote programme notes only about a week ago! We are in the semi-final of the 1895 Cup – a tournament we were the inaugural winner of. Operationally we are developing new systems daily to make the club run smoother and give a better experience to matchdays when we are back at the OLP.



The stadium is so close to being complete. I was inside last week, and the changing rooms are coming together and all is looking good! Keep an eye on #StadiumSaturdays for pictures of how the ground is developing. Everyone at the club can't wait to get back there. We have seat reservation cards in the office ready to collect. If you have reserved yours, please give us a call and arrange a time to pick yours up. If you have not yet reserved your seat, please get in touch soon as they are going quick!

Commercially we are working behind the scenes to extend agreements and develop new relationships to help take the club forward.

We have this week had agreement from one of our main sponsors that they will kindly extend their support and will be on our shirts into 2023 and beyond. More details on this will follow but this goes to show the positive impact we are having and the desire from others to support this great club.

Our events schedule continues to grow and receive positive feedback. We are well on the way to filling the RLWC Dinner at the OEC where our guest speaker will be Jason Robinson. Jason is well known in both codes of the game and obviously to our fans, having played in the famous Challenge Cup game in 1998.

If you would like to reserve your places, please email [natasha.burt@sheffideagles.com](mailto:natasha.burt@sheffideagles.com). It was also great to see the World Cups in Sheffield as part of the 200 Days To Go tour!

We have also nearly sold out our Golf Day as well. Please let Natasha know if you would like to book in a team for this event. The competition will take place at Wortley Golf Club on Monday 16th May.

As always, thank you everyone for your support and I hope you enjoy the game



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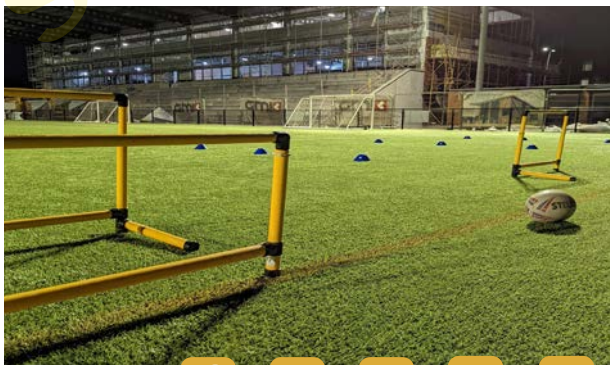
After booking our place in the 1895 Cup semi-final we're back in league action this week against London and this could prove to be a really exciting game.

Firstly, just to touch on the 1895 Cup semi-final qualification - being one game away from a trip to Tottenham Hotspur Stadium is a huge achievement for this team and one that personally, I think has started

to show just what potential we have as all the hard work on the training ground starts to come together.

The qualification for this has meant that, unlike many other teams (including out opponents today), we haven't had any downtime yet which plays a huge part in our prep and how we balance our training across the week. The volume of training is a really important contributor to success at the weekend and how fresh out players are. Our volume, if you look at the distance we cover in a week for example, is probably one of the highest, particularly of the part time teams, in the Championship. A key thing to remember with this however is that volume doesn't always demonstrate intensity - for example we could have one training session where we cover 5km which is a high volume bit at low intensity, and another where we cover 3km which is low volume, but at high intensity. How we balance this throughout the week is key in our planning process.

Taking a look at today's game versus London. Coming off the back of a dominant display against Whitehaven in the playoffs and a strong second half against Featherstone, we need to make sure we are switched on and ready to make a point this week. London could easily be a banana skin as their record this year doesn't really reflect the potential they have and their losses have generally been very close. With another good week of training behind us and building on some of the real growth we've shown over the past few weeks we should be in a position to put this game out of reach and avoid the last second draw we had last time we played them at home, or the washout when we played them away!



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## STRONGER TOGETHER

Henry Ford once said: "If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself."

This is what we have seen, and are seeing, here at Sheffield Eagles. It's not been an easy period being ground-less but we are soon to be back in Sheffield in our new OLP stadium. This will be testimony to the hard work done behind the scenes on and off the pitch.

Michael Jordan once said: "Always turn a negative situation into a positive situation." We have done this as a club through hard work, belief in each other and belief that we have a future that is bright.

We are hitting exciting times with the development of our Eagles Foundation work, Eagles Supporters Association, Women's Team, Eagles Wheelchair Team, our faithful fan base who have stuck by the team for years and, last but not least, our first team squad and backroom staff.

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success" Henry Ford.

As we continue to move forward in the development of this great club in the various communities and the team on the pitch I have no doubt the fans who stopped coming to games will return to support us - as will new fans - as they meet, hear and see what this wonderful game of Rugby League is about.

We have a great bunch of players who are working well together and becoming stronger together as they work with the style of rugby Tubbs, Keith, Ged & Simon are coaching.

As someone once said 'the future is looking bright.' The future is 'Red & Gold' not 'orange,' apart from those who over-use fake tan during the winter months! ;)

Enjoy the Game

Baz (Club Chaplain)





**WOOD**  
**15**

**MIKEY WOOD**

DAN FOWLER TALKS WITH EAGLES NO.15

**DF: Mikey, we come into this game after a convincing victory over Whitehaven in the 1895 Cup. How happy were you coming away from that game, from a team and individual perspective?**

MW: As a team, it was a great win that we needed after those two losses against good teams in Hull FC and Featherstone. We're building every week and we're executing the game plan well. As for my own performance, I feel like I did alright. Our middles were solid with good go-forward for the half-backs to do what they do and put the centres and wingers in.

**DF: You started the match against Haven and have had a few starts so far this year. How have you found that?**

MW: I'm not too bothered whether I start or come off the bench really but I feel like we had a good start this year with myself and Tyler. We've played a lot together, we have a good connection and we know what we're doing. It's always good to play alongside him.

**DF: You've had regular game time so far this season - how much have you enjoyed your time in Red and Gold during 2022?**

MW: It's good and it's getting me fit again! They're big boys in the Championship compared to League 1 - it's more physical but we're getting to grips with it and we're getting better.

**DF: Tubbs mentioned when he brought the new signings in for this year that most of the newbies knew the current crop. How much of a positive impact do you**

**think that has had?**

MW: We're a really tight team. We're underestimated as we're a largely young bunch and we're eager. It's scary when there are a team of young lads - apart from obviously Thacks' edge where you've got all the old boys - who have a lot of fight in them.

**DF: We take on London Broncos this afternoon, what are you expecting from them?**

MW: It'll be a tough, physical game. They're always good going through the middle with a big pack. If we deal with them, we've a good chance of coming away with a win.

**DF: We're getting closer to the return to the Steel City and the OLP, with one more home game away from Sheffield to come after this. How much are the lads looking forward to being part of the club as it enters a new era?**

MW: We're all buzzing to get there and get a home game on the turf that we train on every week. To be the first Eagles team to play at the OLP as it is now, it's going to be great and we're all eager for it!





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# TREATMENT ROOM

MICK HEYS

**Hello, and welcome to another home game "On the road"! Thanks to Featherstone for hosting a couple of games and we are now back at Doncaster which is always a great venue to play at.**

Concussion in sport is again high on the agenda when discussing player welfare issues and particularly in RL at present. This season you will have noticed a few "Tweaks" in the rules regarding contact with the head. I hesitate to say new rules, rather a new emphasis in the existing rules. Reading letters in RL publications and interviews on TV/radio, this may take a little time for people to get accustomed to, including coaches, players and supporters. The research and knowledge regarding concussion is constantly evolving as we increase our understanding of the short and long-term consequences of head injury and repeated concussion. RL regulations are based on guidelines developed periodically by the International Consensus on Concussion in Sport which is a group of international experts in the field who gather and discuss the latest evidence and publish their findings.

Rugby League led the way many years ago in introducing evidence-based care and standards as regards concussion management. We initially used paper and pen baseline (pre-season) and post injury assessments, similar to old skool games with matching digits and a trail type task. We then progressed to a computer based cognitive test and now a web based test called Cognigram which is now much more convenient to administer and quick for results. It is used in many contact/collision sports and is also used for research purposes into other types of head injury and neurological conditions, its validity and reliability regularly assessed. Players have a baseline measurement during pre-season which is compared to a post injury test as one of the assessments used to ensure the player is able to return to play following a concussion. When a player is taken off for a Head Injury Assessment the test used is a SCAT5 (Sports Concussion Assessment Tool version 5), freely available if you would like to check it out yourself.

Another change this season is in the return to training & playing protocol that all players have to follow after a concussion. For players aged over 18 a minimum of two days rest to allow symptoms to settle. There then follows a graded increase in stress starting with light cardiovascular exercise, gradually increased intensity, decision making and finally return to contact following an assessment by medical staff & after injury testing. This process now takes a minimum of 11 days thus a player will now miss at least one game following a concussion. Other sports such as RU & AFL have similar protocols and the extension in time to return is another example of evolving guidelines to improve player welfare.

Enjoy the game, hopefully see you all at OLP soon.





**SATURDAY 9TH APRIL 2022**  
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## **SHEFFIELD EAGLES**

- 27. QLT
- 02. Ben Jones-Bishop
- 19. Kris Welham
- 21. Ryan Johnson
- 05. Jason Bass
- 06. Izaac Farrell
- 07. Anthony Thackeray
- 15. Mikey Wood
- 14. Vila Halafihi
- 10. Tyler Dickinson
- 03. Connor Bower
- 11. Liam Johnson
- 13. Evan Hodgson

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- 02. David Eccleston
- 22. Josh Martin
- 06. Karl Dixon
- 07. Nikau Williams
- 26. Jack Bibby
- 24. George Roby
- 28. Karl Olstrom
- 11. Ryan King
- 12. Liam Cooper
- 19. Jacob Moore

## **INTERCHANGE**

- 13. Dion Aiya
- 15. Conbnor Holliday
- 21. Kieran Hudson
- 09. Callum Phillips

# LAST TIME OUT

EAGLES VS WHITEHAVEN RLFC

Sheffield Eagles beat Whitehaven 40-6 at the Millennium Stadium, Featherstone, to set up a semi-final with Leigh Centurions in the AB Sun-decks 1895 Cup.

Ben Jones-Bishop scored a hat-trick for the Red and Golds while full-back Quentin Laulu-Togagae and scrum-half Anthony Thackeray both registered doubles.

The Eagles had a ten-point lead at half-time, despite outscoring the visitors four tries to one.

Thackeray got the scoring underway after five minutes as he got on the end of an Izaac Farrell chip before kicking on to the try-line, the half-back getting there before any defenders to touch down.

Izaac couldn't convert as he'd go zero from four with the boot in the first half.

QLT scored his first of two tries with a customary jinking effort, following a break from Connor Bower earlier in the set.

The pressure kept coming on Whitehaven's defensive line and the Eagles breached it once again on 18 minutes, in spectacular style. Jones-Bishop was fed down the wing by Kris Welham and the winger took to the air to score.

With five minutes remaining of the first half, QLT bagged his second of the day after spotting a gap and putting on a nice fend to get away from the Haven defence.

The last play of the half saw Whitehaven score their only points of the

afternoon as Dion Aiye touched down a grubber from Geronimo Doyle. Connor Holliday converted.

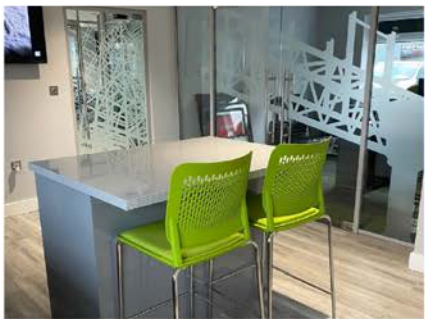
Laulu-Togaga'e didn't come back on for the second half as Mark Aston gave the experienced full-back some rest. Bass went from winger to the number one spot and the ex-York man got on the scoresheet with the opening try of the second half, finishing a swooping move from left to right. Izaac converted.

Welham and Jones-Bishop were in fine form for the Eagles and the centre sent his winger down the flank for him to beat Doyle. Izaac added the extras from in front of the sticks.

Welham got another assist to his name with 15 minutes to go as he streaked through the defence before passing to Thackeray who had the legs to get to the line. Once again, Izaac tagged on the two.

The final try of the game came straight from a scrum as Thackeray kicked on the first tackle, the on-rushing Jones-Bishop was first to the ball to complete his hat-trick. Izaac converted to bring up 40-points for the hosts.





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# TODAY'S VISITORS

LEWIS COLEMAN

London Broncos come into today's round eight Betfred Championship fixture still looking for their first victory of the season after six defeats from seven matches.

The Broncos finished one place outside of the Championship play-off places in 2021, following the near-perfect end of the season run from Whitehaven.

London have since moved to a part-time model following 42 years of full-time rugby in the capital.



The club have also relocated to Wimbledon's Plough Lane after six years at Ealing Trailfinders.

Jermaine Coleman's enjoyed a week off due to their exit from the Challenge Cup against Bradford; two weeks ago the Londoners drew to high-flyers Barrow Raiders before suffering a narrow home defeat to the Bulls in their last Championship game.

Jordan Lilley's looping pass sent Matty Dawson-Jones away down the Bradford right for the game's first score after 12 minutes.

Following a missed conversion Declan Patton added two penalty goals before the break for a 0-8 Bradford half-time lead.

London kept the Bulls scoreless in the second half and would have felt hard done by for missing out on the win.

Sitiveni Moceidreke's short ball was accepted by an onrushing Lewis Bienek who dived over for London's only awarded try of the game.

The Fijian was at the heart of the next London attack as well; Former London full-back Elliot Kear failed to handle to high bomb put up by the former South Sydney Rabbitohs man.

Alex Walker, now in his second spell with the Broncos was left aggrieved as his effort was controversially ruled out for a double movement.

London Head Coach Jermaine Coleman is in his first season with the Broncos after nearly seven with London Skolars in League One.

The Jamaican International Head Coach has assembled a new-look squad following the change of environment which saw the departure of a large number of key players.

Former Broncos players Alex Walker, Illias Macani and Dalton Grant have all returned to London for the 2022 season.





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# THREE TO WATCH

LEWIS COLEMAN

## Dane Chisholm

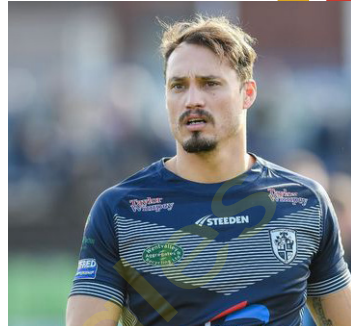
London's latest loanee Dane Chisholm is expected to make his debut this afternoon against his former employers.

Chisholm made seven appearances for the Eagles in 2017 before his exit to Bradford Bulls.

The Featherstone man has joined the Broncos on an initial two-week loan from league leaders Featherstone Rovers.

Rovers have several quality half-back options following the arrival of Morgan Smith and Riley Jacks.

The former Melbourne Storm man has been a standout in the Championship with the Bulls and Featherstone and will be hoping to add another successful spell to his rugby league CV in the capital.



## Dean Parata

Australian-born Italian International Dean Parata has been an eye-catcher since his arrival to the Championship with Barrow in 2018.

Also able to operate at loose forward, Parata has represented Toulouse Olympique and Featherstone before his move to the capital in 2022.

The 30-year-old will provide the energy in the Broncos pack this afternoon at the Eco-Power.



## Rhys Curran

London forward Rhys Curran is our final Broncos player to watch.

The French International enters his third full season with the capital club after spending five seasons in the south of France with Toulouse.

A strong runner, the 32-year-old is part of a strong London pack alongside Will Lovell and Lewis Bienek.



# TODAY'S TEAMS



## SHEFFIELD EAGLES

	T	G	DG
01. Josh Guzdek	●	●	●
02. Ben Jones-Bishop	●	●	●
03. Connor Bower	●	●	●
04. Ross Oakes	●	●	●
05. Jason Bass	●	●	●
06. Izaac Farrell	●	●	●
07. Anthony Thackeray	●	●	●
08. Brandon Douglas	●	●	●
10. Tyler Dickinson	●	●	●
11. Liam Johnson	●	●	●
12. Joel Farrell	●	●	●
13. Evan Hodgson	●	●	●
14. Vila Halafhi	●	●	●
15. Mikey Wood	●	●	●
16. Blake Broadbent	●	●	●
17. Liam Kirk	●	●	●
18. Martyn Reilly	●	●	●
19. Kris Welham	●	●	●
21. Ryan Johnson	●	●	●
22. Matty Chrimes	●	●	●
23. Bayley Liu	●	●	●
24. Will Wallis	●	●	●
25. Kadeem William	●	●	●
26. Ben Sheils	●	●	●
27. QLT	●	●	●
28. Tom Holmes	●	●	●

REFEREE: B THALER  
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# LONDON BRONCOS

T G DG

●	●	●	01. Siti Moceidreke
●	●	●	02. Paul Ulberg
●	●	●	03. Jude Ferreira
●	●	●	04. Paulos Latu
●	●	●	05. Illies Macani
●	●	●	06. Oliver Leyland
●	●	●	07. Rian Horsman
●	●	●	08. Wellington Albert
●	●	●	09. Dean Parata
●	●	●	10. Lewis Bienek
●	●	●	11. Will Lovell
●	●	●	12. Rhys Curren
●	●	●	13. Brad Foster
●	●	●	14. Calum Gahan
●	●	●	15. Jordan Williams
●	●	●	16. Will Blakemore
●	●	●	17. Rob Oakley
●	●	●	18. Ron Palumbo
●	●	●	19. Jacob Thomas
●	●	●	20. Dean Coates
●	●	●	21. Will Ramsey
●	●	●	22. Rob Tuiatu
●	●	●	23. Mike Greenhalgh
●	●	●	24. Max Allen
●	●	●	25. Bill Leyland
●	●	●	26. Judd Greenhalgh
●	●	●	27. Jack Howorth
●	●	●	28. Dalton Grant
●	●	●	29. Lamek Juma
●	●	●	30. Adam Vrahnos

TIME KEEPER: P HEWITT  
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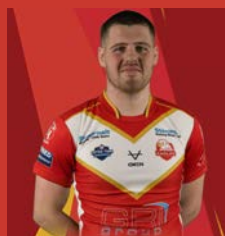
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Owing to a request by opponents Rochdale, the Sheffield Eagles women's team's debut against Rochdale Hornets was postponed from Sunday 10th April, meaning the team now travel to Wigan

St Patrick's next Sunday to make their debut, with three away games on the trot before they will play host to Featherstone Lionesses at the Olympic Legacy Park Stadium.

Instead of playing Rochdale, the team trained at Mosborough RFC, where they will play some of their home games later in the season, with Head Coach Liam Brown and Eagles Foundation Development Officer Andrea Dobson leading the team through some preparatory sessions.

"There is some really good talent in the team" explained Andrea Dobson. "There's players who have played Rugby League before and players with experience playing Rugby Union as well as players who are coming from Football or from other sports. We've been working hard to get them up speed and I am really looking forward to seeing them play!"

Sheffield Eagles Women – 2022  
League One Season

- Sunday 24th April v Wigan St Pats (A)
  - Sunday 8th May v Keighley Cougars (A)
  - Sunday 22nd May v Swinton Lionesses (A)
  - Sunday 12th June v Featherstone Lionesses (H) @ OLP (KO tbc)
  - Sunday 19th June v Illingworth (A)
  - Sunday 26th June v Halifax Panthers (A)
  - Sunday 17th July v Keighley Cougars (H) @ OLP (KO tbc)
  - Sunday 24th July v Swinton Lionesses (H) @ Mosborough RFC 2pm ko
  - Sunday 07th August v Wigan St Pats (H) @ OLP (KO tbc)
  - Sunday 14th August v Halifax Panthers (H) @ Mosborough RFC 2pm ko
  - Sunday 24th August v Rochdale Hornets (A)
  - Sunday 4th September v Illingworth (H) @ Mosborough RFC 2pm ko
  - Sunday 11th September v Featherstone Lionesses (A)
- (Rochdale Hornets (H) to be rearranged)



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# SHEFFIELD EAGLES WHEELCHAIR

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**Sheffield Eagles 20**  
**Wigan Warriors 62**  
**Forge Valley Sports Centre, Saturday**  
**9th April, 2pm**

Sheffield Eagles welcomed Super League leaders Wigan Warriors to Forge Valley for a friendly game, with both clubs agreeing to field players from their club's rosters yet to make a playing debut or for players who have played limited game time during the 2022 season, resulting in a very enjoyable for both sides and giving both sides plenty to be pleased about in front of a growing crowd at Forge Valley.

The game ebbed and flowed throughout in both sides' favour, with Wigan having the upper hand in the opening stanza, with Nathan Roberts opening the scoring just two minutes in before Carl Locke added a brace and Shaun Gash helped himself to a hat trick, with Roberts adding a further try to his name to put the Warriors 38 points ahead with 25 minutes on the clock. But the momentum swung the way of the home side for the rest of the half, with the defensive steel of the Eagles coming alive and sustained pressure on the Warriors line allowed April Brooks to find space on the half hour mark to score on debut, with Chris Haynes on target with the conversion. And it was Brooks again shortly before the end of the half who found space out wide to become the first Eagles Wheelchair player to score two tries in the same game.

It was a dream start to the second half for the Eagles as Jack Johnson's game sense prevailed, honing in on a loose ball in the in-goal area to add a try to the scoreboard which was a very popular score with both sides. Unfortunately Emma Pearson's conversion was just wide of the sticks to further advance the score. Wigan clicked up a gear again with Roberts and Gash adding a further pair of tries each before the hour mark to take the Warriors to 62 points. But the Eagles again showed their defensive

metal, keeping a clean sheet for the final quarter of the game, with Stephen Scott's try and conversion the last acts of the game.

"The score wasn't the focus of today's game" commented Eagles Head Coach Greg Brown after the game. "However, it was encouraging to see that we managed to score four well worked tries and encouragingly we kept a clean sheet for two 20 minute periods in the game. It was a fantastic opportunity for us to give some extra game time to players who have played this season and see a couple of players make their debuts who will not look out of place when we play our next competitive fixture. A good day all round and we're very grateful to Wigan for giving us the chance to play."

The Eagles take a break for the Easter weekend before facing Mersey Storm at home on Saturday 23rd April, 2pm Kick Off at Forge Valley Sports Centre.

## Sheffield Eagles

Emma Pearson, Jenny Pearson, Lotte Davis-Brown, April Brooks, Jack Johnson. Interchanges: Will Brooks, Chris Haynes, Stephen Scott.

Tries: April Brooks (33, 36), Jack Johnson (43), Stephen Scott (79)

Goals: Chris Haynes 1/2, Emma Pearson 0/1, Stephen Scott 1/1

## Wigan Warriors

Reece Duddle, Carl Locke, Shaun Gash, Nathan Roberts, Ryan Gallagher. Interchanges: Heather Robinson, Will Mort, Wes Thomasson.

Tries: Nathan Roberts (2, 17, 46, 58), Carl Locke (5, 8), Shaun Gash (15, 19, 24, 55, 60)

Goals: Nathan Roberts 5/5, Carl Locke 2/3, Shaun Gash 2/3





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We were delighted to be involved in the promotion of the Rugby League World Cup 2021 last week and invited Sheffield Hawks U9s to play a demonstration game of Rugby League at half time during the Sheffield United v Queens Park Rangers game at Bramall Lane.

The young Hawks put on a great show in front of a bumper 28,000 fans and were joined by London Broncos player Rob Tuliatu, a Greek International, who managed to get some first hand experience of where his team will face England during the World Cup later this year.

Thanks to everyone at the Hawks for taking part!

As a reminder ahead of our first game back in Sheffield on Monday 23rd May, we are looking to commemorate fans who have sadly died since our last game at Don Valley Stadium in September 2013.

We are planning to feature them in the programme for the first game at the Sheffield Olympic Legacy Park and if you would like to have someone remembered in the programme, please email their name along with their year of birth and year of death to [Richard.King@eaglesfoundation.co.uk](mailto:Richard.King@eaglesfoundation.co.uk) by 6th May.

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